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| In re Patent Application of   | ) | <b>MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE</b>    |
| Tadashi ENDO et al.           | ) |                               |
| Application No.: 09/854,691   | ) | Group Art Unit: 1752          |
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| For: SUPPORT FOR LITHOGRAPHIC | ) | Confirmation No.: 8113        |
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**LETTER REGARDING STATUS OF APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In view of the non-extendible due date for paying the Issue Fee, the Issue Fee is concurrently being paid herewith based on the understanding reached during a telephonic discussion between the Examiner and the attorney handling the present application. During the discussion, the Examiner indicated that she was aware of the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 that was filed April 30, 2004, had considered the scanned version of the same and found that it was acceptable and would be entered. In addition, the Examiner stated that the discussed revisions to claim 17 were acceptable and that the information provided in the Information Disclosure Statement also filed on April 30, 2004, had been considered and would be acknowledged.

The Examiner stated that the foregoing actions would be formally undertaken in a further Official Action when she was able to obtain the file. However, as noted

above, it is not possible to await receipt of the further Action in view of the Issue Fee due date.

Should there be a further need to discuss any aspect of the present application, the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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